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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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GREGORY BOYER, as Administrator of the Estate of Christine Boyer, and on his own behalf,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Lead Case No. 20-CV-1123

ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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GREGORY BOYER, as Administrator of the Estate of Christine Boyer, and on his own behalf,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 22-CV-723

USA MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL STAFFING, et al.,

Defendants.

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ZOOM Deposition of BRUCE CHARASH, M.D.

Tuesday, January 28th, 2025

10:04 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.

appearing remotely from New York City, New York

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Certified Realtime Reporter

Page 2 Page 4 INDEX 1 Remote ZOOM Deposition of BRUCE CHARASH, 1 2 M.D., a witness in the above-entitled action, 2 EXAMINATION **PAGE** 3 taken at the instance of the Defendants, pursuant 3 By Mr. Knott. . . . . . . . . . . . . 5, 108 to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, pursuant 4 4 5 to Notice, before Rosanne E. Pezze, RPR/CRR, 5 6 Certified Realtime Reporter and Notary Public, 6 State of Wisconsin, appearing remotely from New 7 7 8 York City, New York, on the 28th day of January, 9 2025, commencing at 10:04 a.m. and concluding at 8 10 1:05 p.m. 9 EXHIBITS 11 10 EXHIBIT NO. PAGE NUMBER APPEARANCES: 12 11 13 LOEVY & LOEVY, by 12 Exhibit 118 Bruce Charash, MD invoices. . . . 10 Ms. Maria Makar 13 Exhibit 119 Deposition List of Bruce Charash, MD. 10 14 311 North Aberdeen Street, 3rd Floor 14 Exhibit 120 Trial List of Bruce Charash, MD. . . . 10 Chicago, Illinois 60607 312-243-5900 15 Exhibit 121 Gundersen ED Provider Notes 1.5 makar@loevy.com (Bates GHS 1339). . . . . . . 54 Appeared via Zoom on behalf of Plaintiffs. 16 16 LEIB KNOTT GAYNOR, LLC, by 17 Exhibit 122 Heart monitor strip (Bates GHS 1559). 55 Mr. Douglas Knott 17 18 219 North Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 710 (Original exhibits attached to Original transcript; 18 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 copies of exhibits are attached.) 414-276-2108 19 dknott@lkglaw.net 19 Appeared via Zoom on behalf of Defendants 2.0 20 ACH, Lisa Pisney and Amber Fennigkoh. 21 2.1 22 REQUESTS 22 23 23 24 (None.) 24 25 25 Page 3 Page 5 APPEARANCES (continued): TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS 1 1 2 GERAGHTY, O'LOUGHLIN & KENNEY, P.A., by 2 BRUCE CHARASH, M.D., having been first Mr. John B. Casserly 3 duly sworn remotely on oath, was examined and 3 30 East 7th Street, Suite 2750 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1812 4 testified as follows: 4 651-291-1177 5 EXAMINATION jcasserly@goklawfirm.com Appeared via Zoom on behalf of Defendants 6 5 BY MR. KNOTT: USA Medical & Psychological Staffing, 7 Sir, could you please state your full name for the Jillian Bresnahan, Norman Johnson, Travis 6 8 Schamber and Wesley Harmston. 7 9 Bruce Charash, C-H-A-R-A-S-H. HANSEN REYNOLDS, LLC, by 10 And you are a medical doctor? 8 Mr. Andrew A. Jones 301 North Broadway Street, Suite 400 11 Α Yes. 9 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 12 And what is your area of specialty? 414-455-7676 13 A Cardiology and internal medicine. 10 Appeared via Zoom on behalf of Defendants 14 And are you at your home today, Dr. Charash? Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Stan 11 15 A Yes. Pardon me. Yes. Hendrickson, Danielle Warren and Shasta 12 16 Q You've given depositions before? 13 ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Alecia Richards, Intern 17 14 18 You understand that I'm trying to find out what 1.5 16 19 opinions you may have to offer in this matter if 17 20 it were to go to trial? 18 19 21 20 22 And that I am questioning you based on a report 21 23 that we were given dated February 2, 2024. 2.2 23 24 Is that a report that you prepared? 24 25 A Yes, it is. 25

Page 6 Page 8 1 Q And are those your final opinions in the matter? 1 A With regard to Christine Boyer and the case 2 2 Yes, other than perhaps addressing any new defense involving her? 3 3 O Of course. opinions if they're revealed that I haven't --4 that have not vet been disclosed. But in terms of 4 A Yes, I reviewed the defense reports, multiple 5 5 my opinion in the case, yes, it's all there. defense reports. 6 Okay. Let's go back. 6 Q And can you tell me the names of the expert 7 Your curriculum vitae discloses an 7 reports that you've reviewed so that we know. 8 address on 63rd Street. Is that your home or 8 There's --9 professional address? 9 A I'd have to look it up. One was John Wolff, 10 A Both. 10 Dr. Wolff. I don't remember his first name. 11 Q So your home is your professional address? 11 Sorry. Dr. Wolff. I reviewed the report of 12 12 A Kimberly Pearson, who's a nurse, I believe. 13 You've given depositions in the past? I think I 13 Dr. Murray Young, a New York doctor. Matthew asked you that, right? Wolff is his name. Sorry. Matthew Wolff. I 14 14 15 15 Correct. think there was another report, but I'm not sure. 16 And approximately how many depositions have you 16 Let me look. I'm going to have to look it up, but 17 17 given, Doctor? those for sure. 18 A Well, I've been involved in these types of 18 Q Okay. Do you have Dr. Wolff's report in front of 19 litigations for 38 years, since 1987, and I've 19 you, sir? 20 probably been deposed 360-plus times in those same 20 A I do. 21 21 And you have Ms. Pearson and Dr. Young's reports 22 Q 360. Do you have some kind of count, or is that 22 in front of you as well? 23 an estimate based on a certain number per year? 23 A I do not. 2.4 A Well, it's an estimate based on -- it's an 24 Q Did you make any notes or do any highlighting of 25 estimate I've kept over the years, not a count. 25 Dr. Wolff's report? Page 7 Page 9 1 1 I'd say I average maybe 10 a year to 11 a year, so A No. 2 2 maybe it's 370. I don't know the exact number. You met with Ms. Makar before the deposition? 3 3 You know, in the first few years I did very few Yesterday we had a video chat. 4 4 Can you tell me approximately how long that chat testimony. O 5 5 Did you testify in the past that you've given more 6 6 than 900 depositions? A Less than an hour, but probably close to an hour. 7 7 No. I have testified multiple times that I have, Q Were there any other people on the chat? 8 8 A, reviewed around 1,000 to 1,100 cases in 38 No. A 9 9 years, or back then 37 years. Q Did you ask to see anything during the chat? 10 10 No. Then I've also testified that I Α 11 11 have appeared in court on average seven times a O Were you shown anything during the chat? 12 year in trial for 38 years, and have appeared in 12 A No. 13 13 You reviewed the duces tecum request for documents deposition around 10 to 11 times a year. 14 14 that was sent to you for the deposition today? Then I've testified, and people 15 15 have asked me if I add my depositions and trials, 16 16 does that reach a number like 6- or 700, and I And one of the things that it asked for is whether 17 said yeah, if you add up all the trials and 17 you have any notes from your work on the matter. 18 18 depositions, even though there's overlap. But Do you have any notes? 19 19 A No, I don't. My report are my notes. I've never done 900 depositions and I've never 20 20 testified to that. If so, it's transcribed wrong, You have no notes other than the final report? 21 21 because it's clear I'm very consistent in my Α Correct. 22 22 Q Dr. Charash, when you were preparing your report, replies. 23 23 Okay. So have you ruled -- reviewed anything did you look up or reference any literature in 24 since the time of your report from February of 24 order to confirm your opinions? 2024? 25 25 A No.

January 28, 2025 Page 12 1 Q And do you review a case, when you review cases, 1 you know? 2 do you review them via PDF, or do you review them 2 A Other than this matter, I don't remember. There's 3 3 on paper? maybe one other, but I'm not sure, actually. 4 A PDF. 4 Q What is -- what clicks in your mind that you think 5 5 And does your process include selecting documents you may have been retained in one other? 6 6 and putting them in a separate file if they're A I'm not sure. For me, I have a very powerful 7 7 particularly important or highlighting them? passive memory in the sense that, for example, you 8 8 could read me these case names; I won't remember A No. 9 Do you keep a separate note where you would write 9 anything about them, even if it was a month ago. 10 down Bates numbers that are particularly 10 But if I'm given a small trigger of information, 11 important? 11 I'll remember every detail of the case. 12 12 A No. So the name, the Loevy firm's name 13 O So I'm going to mark your curriculum vitae as 13 is familiar to me, and I'm not sure if it's just 14 Exhibit 117. I'll mark, when we take a break, 14 because of this case I've been involved with, or 15 I'll mark your -- the invoices that we were 15 one other. But if I was given a small piece of 16 provided as 118, your deposition list 119, your 16 information, I would actively remember. So I 17 trial testimony 120. 17 don't know. 18 So we were provided a list of your 18 O Well, your list includes a single word under the 19 testimony, two lists of your testimony in response 19 case name. Is that the plaintiff or the 20 to the duces tecum or in your disclosure. 20 defendant, or do you know? 21 Do you maintain a list of the cases 21 A Always the plaintiff. It's always by plaintiff, 22 in which you've testified? 22 because I figure that's the easiest way to track 23 A I just keep a list of the last four years. 23 it down. 24 And do you have the list that was provided in this 2.4 Q Have you ever testified in federal court, sir? 25 case? 25 A A long, long time ago. Page 11 Page 13 1 Q How long? 1 A Yes. I don't have it printed, but it's in my -- I 2 2 can access it. A Five, ten years, I think. I'm not sure. I don't 3 3 Q Let me see if I can access it. really remember exactly when. 4 What happened? 4 O So we can --A 5 5 So I'm --A I think -- this is probably my only case with the 6 6 Loevy firm, but I'm not 100 percent sure. A Oh, okay. Good. 7 7 -- I'm sharing with you what's been marked as Q So we can assume that any testimony on this list 8 Exhibit 119. It's a deposition list. 8 is in state court; is that correct? 9 9 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. Was this the list that you 10 10 referenced of your deposition testimony? A These would not be federal cases. 11 11 A Yes. BY MR. KNOTT: 12 And it doesn't include any testimony in 2021. Did 12 Q And are the -- there's a single word for the most 13 you testify at all in 2021? 13 part under the column "Lawyer." Is that the 14 14 A Virtually no. It was COVID. I have one individual lawyer that you worked with on the 15 deposition in January and that was it. 15 case, or is it a firm? 16 16 Q Okay. So I counted, and you testified 17 times in A It's the lead name of the letterhead of the firm. 17 2022. You didn't testify at all in 2021 --17 Q It looks like you've worked with two lawyers in 18 Illinois, Taxman and Loggins. There's one more. 18 A Correct. 19 19 -- except for that one case during COVID? Meyer Kiss, I guess. 20 Do you know what -- do you have a 2.0 A Yeah, I don't think there was any more than that. 21 21 I'm not sure. recollection of any matters in which you testified 22 Q Have you ever reviewed a case involving plaintiffs 22 for the Loggins firm or Ms. Loggins or 23 or defendants in the state of Wisconsin? 23 Mr. Loggins?

A I won't remember any details. I need something to

trigger that memory.

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A Not that I'm aware of, no.

Q Have you ever been retained by the Loevy firm, if

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January 28, 2025 Page 14 Page 16 1 Q As you look at this list, do you think that any of 1 approximately 40 states; is that correct? 2 these cases involved congestive heart failure? Do 2 A Yes. 3 3 you have any --And, Doctor, do you continue to see patients at 0 4 A If you're saying generically, congestive heart 4 5 5 failure may have been a role in a number of cases. 6 I don't know if they did. But, you know, I 6 And tell me about your current professional 7 wouldn't characterize this case as simple heart 7 responsibilities. 8 8 failure. But that said, I may have. But I don't A Well, I see patients. I'm the cardiologist for 9 think I've ever had a case, at least in recent 9 half my practice. For 25 percent they came to me 10 10 memory, that's similar to this case. But I don't for cardiology but then asked if I would also be 11 know. 11 their primary care doctor in addition to 12 12 Are we waiting on something? I'm cardiology. And then another 25 percent came to 13 confused. 13 me just for primary care, but over time, at least 14 14 Q Yeah, I said bear with me, please. I'm trying half of them have developed some form of cardiac 15 15 issue or concern. 16 16 A Oh, sorry. I couldn't hear that. Remember, with I'm a noninvasive cardiologist. I 17 17 this cold, if I -- I'm not 100 percent sure I do echocardiograms. I used to do stress testing 18 18 didn't miss anything. in my office. No more. But I do echocardiograms 19 Q And I'm putting on the screen now Exhibit 120, 19 and physical exams. I'm an attending at Lenox 20 which is a list of trial testimony that we were 20 Hill Hospital in New York. And that's my 21 21 provided. practice. 9:00 to 5:00 office hours. About 22 22 Do you recognize that? 85 percent of my time is in the office and about 23 23 A I do. 15, 10 to 15 percent of the time is in the 24 Q And these are the matters in which you went to 24 hospital. 25 court and actually testified in a case? 25 Q And do you have any employees in your practice Page 15 Page 17 1 1 A Yes. other than yourself? 2 And it looks like you testified in the last four 2 No, not anymore. 3 3 years in a single matter in the state of Illinois; Q And you have privileges at Lenox Hill? 4 is that correct? 4  $\mathbf{A}$ Yes. 5 5 O You're not listed on the Lenox Hill website. A Yes. 6 6 Q Do you remember where that was? A Correct 7 A No. 7 Do you have an understanding why not? 8 8 And did you go to court at any time before October It's voluntary, and I'm not looking to expand my 9 of 2021 --9 practice. That's where people can find doctors. 10 10 A No. It's only there to give people access to 11 Q -- in the calendar year 2021? 11 practices, their information, match the insurance. 12 No. That was -- again, I don't think so. That's 12 But I'm not open to new patients unless it's a 13 at the tail end of COVID, but I'm not sure. 13 case by case through referral, but I'm not letting 14 Q I read in previous testimony that you believed 14 my name be out in the public anymore. 15 15 that you had testified in matters pending in about Q Are most of the physicians at Lenox Hill employed 16 40 states. Is that accurate? 16 by a single entity? 17 A No. I reviewed cases from lawyers in 17 A No. The overwhelming majority are private 18 18 practice, and they're affiliated at Lenox Hill. approximately 40 states. I've only testified in 19 19 But there is a -- they have hospitalists now. maybe 15 of them, between depo and trial, and 20 20 probably only eight or nine in trial. Most of the Things have changed. So they have hospitalists in 21 21 cases are on the northeast, from the east coast. the hospital. But most cardiologists, most 22 East coast. But I've not testified in most of 22 primary care doctors don't get -- don't get paid 23 23 those states. by the hospital or any medical school. 24 Q So it's accurate to say that you've -- you 24 Q And can you tell me how many patients you see a 25 25 reviewed matters from lawyers based in week on average?

Bruce Charash, M.D. January 28, 2025 Page 18 Page 20 1 A A week on average. Between 40 and 60. 1 But defense lawyers have no choice 2 2 And do you -- I know that it's a big commitment to but to analyze their case, whether they can defend 3 3 be on the list of providers for health insurers. a doctor legitimately or not. 4 Are you authorized to provide services and bill to 4 So about 15 percent of the defense 5 5 any health insurance companies? cases that I review, I find that I cannot easily 6 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 6 defend the doctor, but the defense lawyers still 7 A No, I am not. 7 want me to review it and have me at least kind of 8 BY MR. KNOTT: 8 mitigate the damages or whatever can be done. 9 Q So all of your patients are private pay? 9 Those cases I'm never going to testify in. So 10 10 A Well, half are. Half my patients pay me an annual 15 percent of my cases are defense cases. 11 fee based on how much they're going to need me. 11 About -- only 7 percent of them absolute -- of all 12 12 People call it concierge practice. But the other my cases, I'm willing to testify on the defense. 13 13 half of my patients are military, Medicare, other And of those, about half resolve before I'm even people who I don't charge at all. The wealthier 14 asked to testify, whereas, very few plaintiff 14 15 15 half of my practice pays for the other half of my cases resolve that way. That's why it's a much 16 practice, and everyone gets my cell phone number 16 smaller percentage of testifying in defense cases. 17 17 and everyone can contact me when they need to. BY MR. KNOTT: 18 And I do house calls for everyone. 18 Q Doctor, I put your trial list back up on the 19 Q I'm sorry that I'm wading into something I don't 19 screen, the list of your trial testimony in the 20 understand very well, but do you bill Medicare? 20 last four years. 21 A No. My patients pay a flat fee to have me look 21 And I'll scroll through it so you 22 22 can see it all. But do any of those stand out as after them. 23 23 Q Okay. So you're saying that half your patients, a case in which you testified for a defendant at and I know it's approximate, are private pay and 24 2.4 trial? 25 that their compensation to you covers the rest of 25 A Actually, the first one on the list, Rakhit, I Page 19 Page 21 1 1 the patients that you provide services to? was -- was a doctor I was defending. But the rest 2 2 A Correct. I'm unsure. It just stood out because it was a 3 3 Q I want to go back to your testimonial history just lawyer named Margolis and I know he was defending 4 4 them. But I wouldn't be able to tell you which for a second here. 5 5 Doctor, among the cases in which other ones were defense. 6 6 you testified at trial, do you know the Q Do you know Margolis' first name? 7 7 approximate percentage where you were retained by A Not anymore. I could probably dig it out, but I 8 the plaintiff? 8 don't remember it. 9 9 A I do. Of cases in which I've been retained, Q Bear with me. And I put up on the screen once 10 10 85 percent have been for plaintiff cases and again your deposition testimony list, which is 11 11 15 percent for defense. But when it comes to Exhibit 119. 12 testifying, about 95 to 96 percent are for 12 Looking at that, do you recognize 13 plaintiff and 4 to 5 percent are for defense. 13 any of those cases as being a case in which you 14 14 Q Do you have any idea why that might be, Doctor, testified on behalf of the defendant? 15 that that's sort of tilted that way? 15 A There's too many. I don't know. I mean, I would 16 16 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. have to try and dig out -- I don't remember, so I 17 A I absolutely do have an idea why. 15 percent of 17 don't know. 18 my cases come from defense firms. Now, I reject a 18 Q Okay. I'm scrolling through them, and your answer 19 19 is you don't know? lot of plaintiff's cases just on a phone call 20 20 A Correct. saying -- if someone said a patient had a stroke 21 2.1 during a catheterization, and I tell them that's a MS. MAKAR: Objection. 22 normal -- a well-known side effect, I won't review 22 A I just don't know. 23 23 BY MR. KNOTT: the case. If I don't think there's anything

Doctor, do you know if you've ever

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O Fair enough.

there, I'm not going to waste anyone's time or

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money.

Bruce Charash, M.D. January 28, 2025 Page 22 Page 24 BY MR. KNOTT: 1 testified in a matter involving a detainee in a 1 2 2 Q And, Doctor, you may have noted from your review jail or prison? 3 3 of Dr. Young's report that there are several other A I have. I have a number of them in New York 4 State. I've probably testified in deposition in 4 inmates whose care has been put at issue in this 5 5 about three or four cases, but I don't think I've case. 6 6 ever been called to court, at least not as of now, Is it fair to say that you don't 7 except for this case. have any opinion about the care provided by 8 8 And in the three or four cases that you were asked Advanced Correctional or Monroe County Jail to 9 9 to review, at least, were all of those in the detainees other than Christine Boyer? 10 state of New York? 10 A Correct. 11 A Yes, I believe so. 11 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 12 Q And do you know if those involved claims that 12 A Yes, I have no opinions. 13 13 civil rights were infringed upon? BY MR. KNOTT: 14 A I believe some of them at least were, yes. 14 Q Doctor, do you know whether your current earnings 15 Q And were you instructed or do you feel 15 in medical-legal cases exceed those earnings in 16 knowledgeable of the Constitutional standard by 16 your professional practice? 17 which a healthcare provider is judged in a civil 17 A They do not. My earnings medical-legally have run 18 rights case? 18 averaging 15 to 20 percent. There were a handful 19 A No. I had nothing to do with that aspect of the 19 of years in the early 2000s where it was up to 20 case, determining civil rights violations. I only 20 25 percent, but it's averaging around 20 percent 21 talked about the medicine. 21 of my income. 22 And my understanding is that you'll be called to 22 Q Thank you. 23 testify in this matter as to issues of causation 23 Doctor, I'm trying to find a 24 only: is that fair? 2.4 document and I keep making the same mistake every 25 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 25 time I do this, so I apologize. Page 23 Page 25 1 A Yes. My opinions in my report were all causation 1 A By the way, I'm sorry, Mr. Knott. This wasn't 2 opinions, and I have no intention of testifying 2 clear when we started this deposition, but who is 3 3 about standard of care. your client in this case? 4 4 BY MR. KNOTT: Q I apologize. I should have introduced myself. 5 Q And I appreciate that answer, and I appreciate 5 Yeah, I represent Nurse Practitioner Pisney, Nurse 6 6 that you understand the difference between Fennigkoh, and Advanced Correctional Healthcare, 7 standard of care and causation, but let me just 7 which is a private correctional healthcare 8 8 ask these questions briefly and we'll get through provider. 9 9 this. A Okay. Thank you. Just wasn't sure. 10 10 Q Okay. You're welcome. You've never practiced in a 11 correctional facility, correct? 11 And, sir, I put up on the screen 12 12 your curriculum vitae, which was marked as 13 You've never held a contract to provide healthcare 13 Exhibit 117. Any significant changes or updates 14 services at a correctional facility, correct? 14 to this in the last couple of years? I guess 15 A Correct. 15 you've been involved in the case since 2022. 16 You're not trained as a nurse or a nurse 16 Maybe it could be that old. 17 practitioner, correct? 17 A Can you just scroll a little further down? Keep 18 18 A Correct. going. No, this is updated. This is -- it's 19 19 Q And is it fair to say you don't have any opinions current. Nothing's changed in the last couple of 20 years. 2.0 on the care provided to -- strike that. 2.1 You don't have any opinions on the 21 Q Okay. You currently don't have any academic 22 adequacy of county or Advanced Correctional 22 appointments, correct? 23 23 Healthcare policies and procedures, correct? A That I'm aware of. That's the weird part. Lenox

Hill joined a giant network called Northwell,

which is now the biggest medical entity in New

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MS. MAKAR: Objection to form.

A I will not be commenting on those things.

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Bruce Charash, M.D. January 28, 2025 Page 26 Page 28 1 York State, and they became affiliated with a new 1 at Lenox Hill. It's whether I have an affiliation 2 2 with Hofstra Medical School. The academic medical school on Long Island named Hofstra. 3 3 appointment would be Hofstra. Lenox Hill is Pretty much anyone who's a voluntary doctor at a 4 hospital is given the minimum credential of 4 Northwell. 5 5 clinical assistant professor of medicine. Okay. Got it. So you're on some sort of coverage 6 6 But I've never heard back from schedule at Lenox Hill; is that fair? 7 7 them, and it's been kind of weird, so I'm trying A No. I don't know what you mean by that. Q Well --8 8 to find out. But I can't name - I can't 9 guarantee I have it. I teach medical students 9 A I don't --10 10 regularly from Hofstra, and I give lectures to all Q -- you don't cover -- then let me try to clarify. 11 the doctors in training at Lenox Hill, but I'm not 11 You do not see patients at Lenox 12 12 100 percent sure if my title is formalized. I Hill other than your own, the patients that you 13 13 admit; is that correct? don't know. Q You are not assigned to represent any residents at 14 14 A Yes, other than if I'm the consult attending, 15 15 this time. Fair? which comes once every couple of years. But yes, 16 16 A No private doctor is assigned residents, no. I only see my patients. 17 17 Q In what context do you supervise residents, sir? Q Okay. And that was my question. Something comes 18 18 A There are a few. The first is, every time I go to up once every couple of years. What is that? 19 19 the hospital and I see one of my patients, I pull A It's the rotation for who's the cardiology 20 together the clinical team which involves medical 20 attending of the month for what's called the 21 students, interns, residents and sometimes 21 cardiology consult service for patients who don't 22 22 cardiology fellows. And I not only go over the have private doctors that rely on the consult 23 23 instructions for my patient, but I actually go service. 2.4 24 over the medicine and teach them things on Q So once every couple of years you provide coverage 25 physical exam or on clinical and academic interest 25 on call for Lenox Hill? Page 27 Page 29 1 of the case. 1 A No, it's -- the consult service is for patients 2 Secondly, about three times a year 2 who don't have private doctors, and there's a 3 3 I give big lectures to everyone on staff, all the fellow and residents covering them, on call 4 4 doctors in training from students to fellows, on covering them at night. 5 5 acute coronary issues like chest pain in the ER. Q How is what you're saying different than what I'm 6 6 I used to run the cardiac arrest team, so I give a saying? I don't understand. 7 lecture about new advances in cardiac arrest. And 7 A Well, it's not like I'm on call in general for the 8 8 then a couple of -- several times a year I will be hospital. I'm just seeing what we call the 9 9 called spontaneously by the residents the night consult service. I don't know how else to clarify 10 before to come in the next day at 6:00 to have a 10 that. I'm really sorry. I'm not getting where 11 conference with the residents who are on call the 11 we're not communicating. I apologize. 12 night before, called resident report, where they 12 Q Yeah. Well, I wouldn't expect that any physician 13 bring up what they think is the more challenging 13 would be generally on call for all issues. But --14 admissions they want to discuss. 14 so you are on a call rotation for the cardiology 15 15 And finally, one month out of every services at Lenox Hill; is that fair? 16 two years, because there's so many of us, I'm the 16 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 17 cardiology consult attending for the month where I 17 A I wouldn't phrase it that way. Because there are 18 18 go over the service patients with the clinical a lot of cardiologists, I get told that on a given

but I think I'm being very clear about what that

I don't know what -- what you're

saying doesn't seem to register the same to me,

month I will be the consult attending. Usually

so we all rotate. So I will say -- you know,

April 2026 I'll be the consult attending.

every year, but there are too many cardiologists,

care team doctors in training. So those are the

Q Okay. You have no affiliation with this Northwell

You have no affiliation with the Northwell entity?

A No, no. I'm affiliated with Northwell because I'm

different venues by which I teach.

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Bruce Charash, M.D. January 28, 2025 Page 30 Page 32 1 is. 1 Yes. A 2 BY MR. KNOTT: 2 What is it? 3 3 Q And when you're on that service, do you see Doc2Dock.com. Dot org, I mean. 4 patients in the ER? 4 So it's the -- the organization name that I've 5 5 A Sometimes, but sometimes -- I see my patients in highlighted there on the screen, which is capital 6 the ER. The consult service usually gets called 6 D-O-C, number 2, capital D-O-C-K --7 after the emergency room, but sometimes they're 7 A Dot org. 8 8 called through the emergency room. It's not very Q Dot org? 9 common, but it can happen. 9 A Yes. 10 Q And when was the last time you provided a lecture 10 Your CV includes some publications and abstracts. 11 in an academic setting? 11 Are there any publications that you 12 12 A Academic setting. Well, again, these are lecture consider relevant to this matter? 13 hall, you know, resident lectures. I think it was 13 A I haven't published in over 30 years, and none of 14 14 last June. them are relevant. 15 O So is that June of 2024? 15 And you published a book called "Heart Myths." 16 A Yes, June of 2024. I haven't given a lecture this 16 What was the -- what was your angle there, Doctor? 17 year yet. 17 What were the heart myths? 18 And do you prepare slides for your discussions? 18 A That there are a lot of -- that when we digest 19 A No, I actually don't. I like to use a whiteboard 19 publicly health advice, we're often given an 20 to keep them engaged, and then it's mostly 20 overgeneralized view and sometimes gloss over 21 didactics. 21 data. For example, I considered it a myth that 22 Q And in that context, what was your -- how did you 22 salt is bad for everyone. There are certain 23 get connected to provide that lecture? 23 people with hypertension that will get worse if 24 A Well, for 20 years I was the chief of the cardiac 24 they avoid salt; that's 20 percent of them. Or 25 care unit at Lenox Hill and I started giving those 25 that a leaky valve means something's leaking in Page 31 Page 33 1 lectures when I was chief of the unit. I was 1 your heart. 2 chief -- well, less than 20 years, from 1991 to 2 So some of it's a bunch of 3 2006. 3 misunderstandings, but in the book I explain how 4 4 the heart works and how pathology occurs, and I Then when I went into private 5 practice, they still had me come in and give talks 5 explore misconceptions people have. 6 6 to the residents about coronary management. I was Q You state in your report that you reviewed CCTV 7 also the director of the Chest Pain Center in the 7 footage from December 23, 2019. 8 8 emergency room, and I was the chief of the Cardiac Have you reviewed that recently? 9 9 Arrest Team for the hospital. So I had areas of A I had reviewed it early when I got the case, but I 10 1.0 have not relooked at it in a long time. interest and I'd give talks. 11 Q Yeah, and I apologize, I'm trying to find my way 11 Q As you sit here today, is there any -- do you have 12 through here. 12 any recollection of the video and anything that 13 But the people that you spoke to 13 would be pertinent? Can you identify anything 14 are residents; they are not medical students of 14 that would be pertinent from that video to your 15 Hofstra? 15 opinions? 16 A No, they are. They include medical students at 16 A No. Just what's in my report, the timeline of 17 Hofstra that are rotating at Lenox Hill. 17 events. 18 Q All right. So this Doc2Dock, is that still 18 Q You describe in your report at Page 3 what you saw 19 19 active? on the video as "what appeared to be a seizure." 20 20 A Yes, but I turned over day-to-day operations to a Is there anything about the manner 21 21 partner organization, because maintaining a in which Ms. Boyer collapsed that tells you --22 warehouse in New York was becoming too expensive. 22 that gives you clinical information?

A No. Just that she had a seizure, which Dr. Wolff

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oxygen deprivation to her brain from some sort of

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Q Does it have a website?

January 28, 2025 Page 34 Page 36 1 arrhythmia. 1 doesn't exclude her from having pain. Just 2 2 O Do you agree that in that video footage that prior there's no evidence that she was in pain. So if 3 3 to the seizure she does not appear to be she had episodic pain all day long, it could have 4 experiencing any distress or discomfort? 4 just managed, but I think that we don't have any 5 5 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. evidence. 6 Foundation. 6 But I don't want to get into 7 A Well, there's no way to know if she's in distress standard of care here, because that's kind of 8 8 or discomfort. She was not showing outward getting close to that. I'm only giving you a 9 indicators of duress, but that doesn't mean she 9 causation opinion. 10 10 BY MR. KNOTT: wasn't in pain. Lots of people have pain and 11 don't show it. So I wouldn't draw too much of a 11 Q I understand that. And so, we agree there's no 12 12 conclusion other than she was not in apparent evidence that she reported pain after 13 acute distress. But it doesn't mean she wasn't in 13 approximately 8:00 p.m.? 14 pain or in any form of -- it doesn't mean she was 14 A There's no evidence that -- there's no 15 comfortable breathing; it just means she didn't 15 documentation for having chest pain after 16 look acutely distressed. 16 8:00 p.m. That's all we can say. 17 BY MR. KNOTT: 17 Q Doctor, I'm looking at your report at Page 2 under 18 Q Have you accepted as true the correctional 18 Factual Background. There is -- the first two 19 officer's testimony that she had a single report 19 paragraphs. 20 of chest pain around 7:30 p.m.? 20 Is that what you believe to be the 21 A Well, first of all, if you look at the note, it's 21 relevant past medical history? 22 not a single episode. It says here that her chest 22 A Yes. I mean, I didn't go into the details of her 23 pain has been on and off all day long, so that is 23 having recurrent abdominal pelvic surgeries, 24 no longer a single episode. 2.4 because those were all consequences of her cancer, 25 What we don't know is, which you 25 and none of them are life-threatening injuries, Page 35 Page 37 1 1 have purported, when did it go away completely. just major quality of life issues for her. But 2 2 If it was episodic, it means it reoccurs. So she yeah, these are the major issues. 3 3 could go for any period of time, in theory, and Q I'm sorry. I didn't hear you there. 4 4 have no pain and then it could reoccur again. So A These are the major issues. These are the major 5 5 she reported an episodic recurrent phenomenon that medical issues. 6 6 was occurring all day long. It was not one Q But I didn't hear your response, and you said 7 episode that went away. It was a recurrent 7 something about quality of life? 8 8 A Oh. She had -- she was -- obviously had suffering episode. And we don't know, there was no specific 9 9 history taken of her symptoms. of abdominal pain and had multiple procedures and 10 1.0 So it was recurrent prior to that report. surgeries on her abdomen and pelvis because of the 11 11 Do you accept the testimony that it cancer she experienced when she was young. But 12 then resolved around 8:00 p.m. and was not 12 that was not a life-threatening issue; that's a 13 reported again that evening? 13 quality of life issue. 14 14 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. Q Okay. And you disagree with her report that she 15 15 had less than one year to live? A The sentence has to be broken down to whether 16 16 anyone asked her or whether she volunteered it. MS. MAKAR: Objection. 17 There's three possibilities. If somebody asked 17 A Well, first of all, it sounds like she was 18 18 intoxicated when she came in. But there's no -her, are you having pain, she said no. And were 19 19 they doing that throughout the night. Or did she I've looked at her records at Gundersen where she 20 20 report pain. Or if no one asked her, could she be was cared for, and there was absolutely nothing 21 21 having recurrent symptoms. But since she's going on that would limit her life to one year. 22 already been evaluated, it's conceivable she 22 There's nothing in there at all that discussed 23 23 doesn't continue to mention it. that. 24 24 All we know is that after But apparently from the report of

when she was highly intoxicated, she obviously had

8:00-something, no one is documenting pain, but it

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Bruce Charash, M.D. January 28, 2025 Page 40 1 a very dark turn when I read the police report 1 THE WITNESS: Fives minutes or less. 2 2 about her taking a gun and wanting to --Okay, thanks. 3 3 (Brief recess taken from 11:00 a.m. to putting -- whatever she was doing, she was in a 4 very dark place. 4 11:07 a.m.) 5 5 BY MR. KNOTT: But if you look at her medical 6 records, there was nothing -- she didn't have 6 Q At any rate, Doctor, just if you need to cough, if 7 7 advanced cancer. She didn't have any end-organ you need to step out of the screen here, if you 8 8 failure. She didn't have anything that would need anything, just let me know. I am going to 9 predictably weaken her life in the next year. 9 start kind of turning through the pages of your 10 10 report here, so I think we'll be moving along That's out of thin air. There's no medical basis 11 for that. But she was in a very dark place. It's 11 pretty quickly. 12 12 more of a psychological assessment than it is A Okay. 13 13 medical. Q So Mrs. Boyer was provided clonidine. 14 BY MR. KNOTT: 14 Do you agree that the 15 Q Did you see that Ms. Boyer had any psychological 15 administration of clonidine was an appropriate 16 diagnoses? 16 intervention as far as it went? 17 A Not that I'm aware of. 17 A I'm not offering standard of care opinions. I'm 18 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Outside the 18 only offering causation opinions. I have not 19 19 scope. weighed in on the appropriateness or the lack of 20 BY MR. KNOTT: 20 appropriateness of giving her clonidine. 21 Q Is it unusual in your practice that a patient 21 I'm only here to answer that she 22 would report that they have one year left to live 22 would have survived if she had been transferred to 23 without any basis in their medical condition? 23 a hospital. I'm not giving opinions about the 24 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 2.4 medication she received or the care she received. 25 A I'm not -- I haven't -- I have not discussed this 25 Other people are doing that. Page 39 Page 41 1 1 in my report. It has nothing to do with my Q All right. Well, I don't think that's necessarily 2 2 opinions. She was drunk and dark. I know people a basis for objection, but I respect your -- I 3 3 who get very dark when they're drunk, and she was respect your comment, Doctor, and I will -- I'll 4 4 spewing things that were very dark, but they're move on. 5 5 not true. There was nothing about her life that I -- well, at any rate, in your 6 6 limited her to a one-year life expectancy. It was report, you cut and pasted a couple of sections 7 7 out of thin air. It was a reflection of what from a document that was created by a correctional 8 alcohol did to her mind at that point in her 8 officer at the jail. That's Page 3 of your 9 9 darkness at that moment. report. Are you there? 10 10 BY MR. KNOTT: 11 11 Q Is there a difference, Doctor, between difficulty Q And, Doctor, can you just tell me, how would you 12 breathing and shortness of breath? 12 characterize the vitals at 8:53, which is in that 13 A There could be. For most people they would relate 13 second segment? 14 14 to them as being the same thing. For some people A She had --15 15 difficulty breathing could be a mechanically MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 16 16 difficult time breathing. So if somebody has rib A Well, her blood pressure was elevated. 17 pain and when they breathe in, they could say it's 17 BY MR. KNOTT: 18 18 Q Is there an objective scale of blood pressure to hard to breathe but they don't feel short of 19 19 measure whether it's mildly elevated, moderately breath. But for the most part they're considered 20 20 equivalent. elevated, severely elevated? 21 21 May I take a quick bathroom break? A No, because it's contextual, meaning, to begin 22 I'm sorry, this cold thing, I'm on these cold 22 with, this is not a steady state blood pressure. 23 23 medicines and I need a quick break. It's one with a person coming in with, you know,

being incarcerated, whatever her emotions are.

But if you're having symptoms of blood pressure of

MR. KNOTT: Absolutely. It's not an

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## Page 44 1 142 over 92, it might have more significance than 1 leads, all looking at the same part of the heart, 2 2 if you're not having symptoms and you have it leads II, III and F, aVF, as well as lateral 3 3 leads, which would be V3 and V6, with the inverted measured casually in a doctor's office. 4 So it really isn't just a simple --4 T-waves. 5 5 you don't just compare it to an absolute curve. So these EKGs not only are showing 6 6 It depends on the context. If somebody's having classic ischemic abnormalities, but they're also 7 chest pain or shortness of breath, a blood localized into an anatomic territory. So it's 8 8 pressure of 142 over 92 could have more highly suggestive. But nothing is 100 percent 9 significance than if someone is comfortable. 9 proof. But this EKG is highly suggestive of an 10 Q How would you characterize 142 over 92 if it were 10 acute moment of ischemia to the left ventricle. 11 in a patient that was comfortable in your office? 11 Q And is it your opinion to a reasonable degree of 12 12 A Mild to moderately elevated. medical probability that she was experiencing 13 O You agree, Doctor, that that standing alone is not 13 ischemic injury throughout the afternoon? 14 indicative of a hypertensive emergency? 14 A No, I didn't say that. I mean, she was showing 15 A Alone, of course it isn't. 15 acute ischemia. In part it could -- when you have 16 Q Do you know if you were provided EKG strips? 16 a cardiomyopathy, as was her diagnosis for 17 A I was -- sorry. Can you please repeat that? 17 causation, you can have ischemia under certain 18 Q Do you know if you were provided EKG strips? 18 stress states. And remember, that EKG was done 19 A Yeah, I believe I was. Well, I was -- I was 19 after she had her cardiac arrest, so that could 20 given -- I don't remember what EKG strips. I'm 20 also be post arrest. But I mean -- but there was 21 sorry, I don't recall what EKG strips you're 21 clearly, when she was admitted, EKG findings that 22 referring to. When she got admitted to the 22 are very consistent with an acute ischemia. 23 hospital, I saw those EKG strips. 23 Q If you had an ischemic event sufficient to cause a 24 Q And at the top of Page 4 you reference EKG strips. 2.4 change in the EKG, such as you've described, would 25 A At Gundersen. 25 you expect those to continue? Page 43 Page 45 1 O Correct. 1 A I don't know what you mean. Usually ischemia is 2 2 A Yeah, I saw those. I said at Gundersen when she transient. So you could have ST depression, which 3 3 was admitted. will then recover, because ischemia tends to come 4 4 Q Right. And, Doctor, my question is -in waves. So, yeah, you would expect there to be 5 5 Okav. recovery of those EKG changes. A 6 6 Q -- is that your own interpretation of the strip, Q And I guess the question I have, Doctor, is 7 or are you taking that from a report? 7 whether you're stating to a reasonable degree of 8 8 medical probability that Ms. Boyer was A Well, it's my interpretation, but I don't know if 9 9 that's different -- I don't recall what the report experiencing ischemic -- experiencing ischemic 10 1.0 chest pain throughout the afternoon of says anymore. It could be identical. I don't 11 11 recall. December 22nd? 12 Q And is what you describe in the first paragraph of 12 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 13 Page 4 an acute ischemic change? 13 A I'm sorry. Can you please repeat that? I missed 14 14 A Yes. Those would be acute ischemic changes. the first half. 15 15 BY MR. KNOTT: Q Can you explain that, Doctor, for a layperson? 16 16 A Well, the EKG, there's a segment of it called the Q The question that I have is whether you believe to 17 ST segment. It's the end of the QRS complex to 17 a reasonable degree of medical probability that 18 18 Ms. Boyer was experiencing ischemic chest pain the the beginning of the T-wave. And that QRS segment 19 19 can be elevated, can be depressed or at baseline. afternoon of December 22? 20 20 If you have more than a millimeter MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 21 21 of depression of that ST segment, it frequently is A We can't know with absolute certainty. We do know 22 an indicator of active ischemia to a section of 22 that she did not have identifiable obstructive 23 23 heart muscle. coronary disease, but that's not the only way you 24 24 Here, there were inverted -- there can get ischemic. Traditionally, you get ischemic 25 25 was ST depression in what we call the inferior or have heart attacks by a clot in an artery

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## Page 48 blocking the supply of blood. That wasn't her 1 1 So if somebody has acute onset of 2 problem. 2 chest pain, you don't know with the tools at hand 3 3 But under certain stress states, in your office whether it's coronary or not, so 4 the increase of demand of oxygen can lead to that. 4 you have to make decisions: It is a cardiac 5 5 In her case, she did have chest pain radiating to arrest? It is prolonged? Is it episodic? Those 6 6 her left arm with shortness of breath, which are details can make a big difference. But again, 7 7 common coronary types of symptoms, and she had we're getting more into trying to diagnose her. 8 8 ischemic abnormalities, albeit after the code. So My causation opinion is simply if she were in the 9 she might have. We don't know. 9 hospital, she wouldn't have been dead. 10 BY MR. KNOTT: 10 BY MR. KNOTT: 11 Q Ischemic abnormalities after what, Doctor? 11 Q Yeah, yeah. I'm trying to --12 12 After her cardiac arrest when she was admitted to A You want me to agree with you -- you're trying to 13 get me to say that she had things that were 13 the hospital. 14 14 So she had, you know -- she had stabilizing which leaned towards your standard of 15 15 chest pain and she had EKG abnormalities looking care, and I'm not engaging in that. You're asking 16 16 me about whether her chest pain -like ischemia, but again, that was after the code, 17 17 so we don't know. Q Doctor -- Doctor, just let it go. Just stop. 18 O People with anxiety and elevated blood pressure 18 A You're asking me things that are not in my report. 19 19 sometimes complain of chest pain and shortness of and you're asking me things that are not involved 20 breath; is that a fair statement? 20 in my opinion. 21 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 21 Q Yeah, I think you've been around the block, 22 22 A People with anxiety and what? Chest pressure? Doctor, and you know how this works. And I'm 23 BY MR. KNOTT: 23 entitled to ask questions, and the fact that it's 2.4 2.4 Elevated blood pressure. not in your report does not mean you get to 25 Yes, what about it? 25 determine relevance. So you're fine, we'll get Page 47 Page 49 1 1 Q Sometimes complain of chest pain and shortness of through this, and it will be fairly brief, but I'm 2 2 breath. not going to have you lecture me or --3 3 A Oh, my gosh. I mean, in theory, that could A Sir, I don't mean to offend you. I'm not trying 4 4 happen, but I mean, that's just -- usually we to lecture you. It's just that my opinions are 5 5 fight against that thinking because too many very straightforward. And quite frankly, I think 6 people are dismissed from having coronary symptoms 6 that Dr. Wolff and I have no difference in our 7 by writing off symptoms of chest pain and 7 opinions in terms of -- no one challenged my 8 8 shortness of breath to anxiety. causation opinion. No one. 9 9 But, in theory, yes, you can Not one expert said -- my main 10 10 have -- you can have chest pain and shortness of opinion is, had she been sent to the hospital 11 breath without it being a cardiac issue. It's 11 earlier, she would not have died. And no one has 12 12 disagreed with that in any report. So I'm really 13 Q Is it fair to say that many people present in 13 confused why I'm even being deposed, because 14 primary care settings with a complaint of chest 14 everyone agrees with me. 15 pain that has a noncardiac etiology? 15 So just let me kind of break it down into what 16 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 16 you've actually talked about in your report. 17 Foundation. Outside the scope. 17 Again, I think there is a 18 A It's a bit of a vague question. I think that 18 difference, and I'm trying to -- I'm trying to 19 19 chest pain is the most common symptom that brings hone in on it. And I apologize, Doctor, I don't 20 20 people to medical attention in both an office as have the understanding of these fine points in 21 21 well as an add-on visit or an ER. But in those medicine. 22 cases, an evaluation must be performed to see if 22 I guess I'm trying to understand 23 23 it is coronary in most of those cases, and then what you mean when you say that there was a 24 you find out whether it was coronary or not. Some 24 hypertensive event superimposed over a 25 25 of them need to be in the hospital; some don't. cardiomyopathy.

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But in any given person, if you're

1 2 2 BY MR. KNOTT: having both chest pain, shortness of breath, high 3 3 Q I hadn't asked a question yet. I'm trying to get blood pressures that you're giving p.r.n. 4 4 clonidine, we don't know what's going on, but it's 5 5 And physiologically, Doctor, what concerning. 6 6 are you proposing occurred when you say that the Right. And I think you'll agree with me -- and 7 7 hypertensive event was superimposed on a I'll move to strike to the extent you're stating a 8 8 cardiomyopathy? standard of care opinion --9 A Well, what I'm trying to get at in that comment, 9 A I wasn't really. 10 10 because her blood pressure had ups and downs, and -- but I am trying to -- I am trying to understand 11 we don't really have a track through the night, 11 exactly what you believe was going on. 12 12 And I understand the kind of but the point is that because she has a 13 13 general opinion that if she were in an ER, she cardiomyopathy, the same blood pressures that she would not have coded. 14 might have formally tolerated become less 14 15 15 tolerable because your heart's weakened. So if My question to you is, and I think 16 you have a normal ventricle and you have high 16 I understand this: Is it fair to say that you do 17 17 not have enough data to give an opinion that she blood pressure, it may not impact cardiac 18 18 performance. But if you already have some damage was suffering chest pain due to cardiac ischemia 19 19 to it and you haven't established cardiomyopathy, between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. on December 22? 20 now the same blood pressures will lead to a higher 20 MS. MAKAR: Objection. 21 risk of congestive symptoms. 21 Mischaracterization of testimony. Form. 22 22 So what we do -- all we know -- the Foundation. 23 23 problem is we don't have enough information. A Well, we know that she reported having episodic 2.4 2.4 She was having hypertensive pain all day long, but if you're saying that same

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And to that degree, all I can say is that had she been in the hospital, she never would have coded, or if she did code, she would have been saved immediately. Because whatever led to her code didn't kill her. It caused her to code in the — in the jail, and the delay intrinsic of an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is what caused her brain to die. But she didn't die of any medical reason. It just caused her to code.

And all I'm saying is had she been in the hospital, she never would have coded. They would have prevented it or they would have resuscitated immediately. But I don't know what caused her to code. We don't have enough data. We just know a lot of things were going on.

don't know if it's ischemic.

2 BY MR. KNOTT:

3 Q And --

A In retrospect, we don't really know if it's ischemic. It's just hard to know.

pain reported between 7:00 and 8:00, whatever, we

Q And you don't hold an opinion that she was
 experiencing an arrhythmia during the day on the
 22nd. Fair?

MS. MAKAR: Objection.

A We know she had a long enough arrhythmia to cause her to have a hypoxic seizure, which was captured on video, but we don't know whether or not she was having shorter runs of arrhythmias like V-tach earlier in the day. Between her potassium being reduced and her different symptoms, it's possible she was having non-sustained arrhythmias. What we do know what happened is she arrested. And that's documented.

19 BY MR. KNOTT:

Q And you understand, Doctor, as a scientist and as
 a experienced expert witness that being able to
 say that something is more probable than not is an
 important distinction.

You understand that, correct?

MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form.

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Page 54 Page 56 1 A Of course I understand that. 1 Iowan accent. 2 2 BY MR. KNOTT: Doctor, do you agree that that 3 3 Q Yeah. And you can't say that it is more probable shows that the strip is accurately interpreted as 4 than not that she was experiencing arrhythmia 4 torsades pointes? 5 5 during the day on the 22nd? A Just say torsades. T-O-R-S-A-D-E-S. Torsades. 6 6 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Yes, it is torsades. 7 7 A Correct, Correct, I cannot say that. Q And torsades is a non-ischemic pattern; is that 8 BY MR. KNOTT: 8 fair? 9 Q I have something cued up here, Doc, and I just 9 A It's not ischemia. It's a form of ventricular 10 want your input on it. 10 tachycardia. It can occur in ischemia. It has no 11 We can mark this as Exhibit 121. 11 comment on whether there's ischemia. It's just a 12 It's GHS1339. Doctor, can you read that? I can 12 form of V-tach. It can be precipitated by 13 13 blow it up a little. electrolyte, but it doesn't mean there isn't an 14 14 A Do you want me to read it out loud -element of ischemia. It's just neutral on that. 15 Read it to yourself. 15 Q So isn't it true, Doctor, that torsades is 16 -- or are you asking me if I can read it? 16 pathognomonic of an electrolyte imbalance? 17 Q It's the note of the emergency room provider the 17 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 18 morning of December 23. 18 A It is not. It is most common in patients with 19 A (Witness reads.) Yeah, I see that. 19 prolonged QT intervals. That can occur from 20 And I've highlighted the sentence that begins --20 ischemia and heart attacks, that can occur from 21 or the passage that begins, "Initial EKG," and it 21 medications with normal electrolytes, and it can 22 ends with "begin with." 22 occur in abnormal electrolytes. 23 Can you interpret that for us, 23 So, for example, I've seen patients 24 Doctor, if you're able, as to what the emergency 2.4 have torsades who received the drug Lidocaine, and 25 room physician and cardiologist believe occurred 25 they get too much of it, their QT interval Page 57 Page 55 1 in terms of the EKG? 1 prolonged and they have torsades with normal 2 2 A Yes. They're saying that the paramedic, which potassium. Certainly this patient has low 3 3 often do 12-lead EKGs, found there to be ST potassium, which means their threshold to going 4 4 depression in the leads I discussed earlier, II, into torsades is lower. 5 5 So if a person who has a potassium III and aVF. Those are inferior leads. And there 6 6 was ST elevation in lead aVL, but that's not that of two-three gets ischemic, it's more likely their 7 important. But there was ST depression in the 7 V-tach will be torsades. It's just a form of 8 8 V-tach that's influenced by things that prolong inferior leads, but then that resolved. Again, 9 9 ischemia does tend to resolve. And they're not the QT interval. And it's not -- it's not 10 10 diagnostic of an electrolyte problem. 100 percent sure if that ischemia was present to 11 11 provoke the arrest or if it was a consequence of BY MR. KNOTT: 12 the arrest. And I agree with that, too. 12 Q It's associated with an electrolyte problem? 13 13 A Can be associated with certain electrolyte But there was no reason to take her 14 14 to the cath lab because it had resolved. problems, but that's not the only reason why it 15 15 Q Okay. I've put on the screen GHS1559, which we'll occurs. 16 16 mark as Exhibit 122. O And if I understood --17 Have you seen that before, Doctor? 17 A It's more common with medications than it is with 18 It's an EKG strip. 18 electrolytes. 19 19 Q Okay. If I understood your response correctly, Yes, I have. And one of the providers wrote at the bottom, 20 20 this pattern, torsades, presents in response to 21 21 "torsades de pointes." I think that's how you ischemia, one; medication, two; torsades, three? 22 pronounce it. 22 I mean electrolyte imbalance, three? 23 23 Yes. P-O-I-N-T-E-S. So it would be "pointes," A What did you say one was? 24 24 but you're pronouncing it with a French accent. Q Ischemia. 25 25 Q Okay. Thank you. I'd rather pronounce it with my A No, I didn't say ischemia. What I'm saying is

Page 58 Page 60 1 that this form of ventricular tachycardia, it's a 1 seen people who have Lidocaine toxicity go into 2 2 form of V-tach, it is more likely to occur if V-tach torsades and it doesn't stop. It will go 3 3 someone's going to have ventricular tachycardia in on for hours while being shocked, so you have to 4 conditions that prolong the OT interval. Those 4 put in a pacemaker and speed up the heart. The 5 5 conditions can include low potassium, point is she wasn't having it every five seconds. 6 6 electrolytes. Those conditions can include a lot She had periods of no torsades, which makes an 7 7 of different medications, which is actually the argument that it wasn't only electrolytes. 8 8 most common form of torsades is medications that Q When did she have periods of no torsades? 9 prolong the QT interval. 9 A When she was admitted. She wasn't having every 10 10 Ischemia, especially in the setting five minutes getting shocked out of torsades. 11 of cardiomyopathy, or dead or damaged muscle, also 11 Q Do you agree that a potassium level of 2.3 puts a 12 12 person at substantial risk of arrhythmia? is at risk for a long QT interval. 13 But the point is that if somebody 13 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. A Yes. But the only qualification I'd have on that 14 has an electrolyte abnormality and then they get 14 15 15 ischemic, if the ischemia is going to cause is that in her cardiac arrest, she got multiple 16 16 V-tach, if they have a low potassium, it's going doses of epinephrine. That's standard for all 17 17 to be torsades V-tach. ACLS protocols. And epinephrine injections will 18 18 So you have no diagnostic utility drop your serum potassium. 19 19 here. It just says that this patient had V-tach So when her potassium went to 2.3, 20 and it was torsades. Unquestionably, the fact 20 although it came back to 2.6, it's not 100 percent 21 that the potassium was low is a strong indicator 21 clear if it really was 2.3 before her arrest, 22 22 of that being the reason why the V-tach is because she got a lot of epinephrine. But she did 23 torsades, but it doesn't tell you that that's what 23 have 2.6 before she was hospitalized and didn't 2.4 2.4 initiated the torsades. have an arrhythmia. 25 Q She had a second episode of V-tach the morning of 25 Page 59 Page 61 1 BY MR. KNOTT: December 24th? 1 2 A Yes. 2 Q She had 2.6? 3 Q Do you agree that that was likely precipitated by 3 A As an outpatient, yes. 4 4 the electrolyte imbalance? No one can know what her potassium level was on 5 A Well, there were orders trying to correct it, so I 5 the day of her admission to the jail. You'd agree 6 6 with that? don't know if that's -- remember, when this 7 patient had a code, there's -- you know, even 7 A Correct. 8 8 though she recovered from the acute code, the THE STENOGRAPHER: I'm sorry? Did you 9 9 say "correct"? heart gets even further damaged because there was 10 10 A Yes. Just stretching. a code and more irritable. So you might have more 11 V-tach just because you already survived a code. 11 BY MR. KNOTT: 12 Q And anything, in terms of a potassium level, 12 Q Does pulmonary edema cause chest pain? 13 anything below 3.0 is profoundly reduced. 13 A It could, but usually chest pain is part of the 14 Do you agree with that? 14 reason why someone has pulmonary edema. But 15 15 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. developing pulmonary edema could independently 16 A A, I wouldn't have a cutoff for profound. People 16 cause chest pain, yes, it's possible. 17 with cardiomyopathies of any type, we try to keep 17 Q Pulmonary edema could cause shortness of breath. 18 18 the potassium over 4. And we find under 3.5 to be 19 19 more unacceptable, and then as you drop, it A Yeah, definitely causes shortness of breath, and 20 20 progressively has greater and greater instability. in theory can cause chest pain. 21 But we don't have a single cutoff that says above 21 MR. KNOTT: Am I still sharing? 22 3, lower than 3. But the lower you get, the worse 22 MS. MAKAR: No. 23 23 it is in terms of risk. BY MR. KNOTT: 24 24 Q I want to look at your report, Doctor, Page 5. But, on the other hand, she was not 25 in refractory torsades all day. It wasn't -- I've 25

Page 64 1 Q In the third paragraph, second sentence, "Her 1 most logical assessment based on the normal 2 cardiac arrest was provoked by her hypertensive 2 methodology we use to evaluate a patient in the 3 3 episode" -real world. 4 A I'm sorry. The third full paragraph? I'm not 4 O And I'm just trying to focus in on some individual 5 5 sure -- Page 5? pillars of your opinion here, Doctor. I 6 6 Page 5, third full paragraph. appreciate that. I think I understand your 7 7 That begins with "It is my opinion"? overall opinion. 8 O Correct. 8 A It's not really a pillar of my opinion, of course, 9 A Okay. 9 because it doesn't matter what she coded from. If 10 O But I'm focused on the second sentence. 10 she were in a hospital, she would either have not 11 A 11 arrested or she would have been survived with a 12 "Her cardiac arrest was provoked by her 12 normal brain, because she only died because her 13 hypertensive episodes recorded during the 13 brain was abnormal. 14 afternoon and evening of 12/22/19" --14 Q I've been given a report, Doctor, and I'm trying 15 15 to understand it. Okay? A 16 -- open paren, "(provoking congestive heart 16 A Yes. 17 failure and coronary artery ischemia)," closed 17 There were no findings of pathology in her 18 paren, period. 18 coronary arteries on autopsy? 19 Do you have -- strike that. 19 A Yes. We know she did not have coronary disease. 20 What is the basis for your 20 Right. 21 statement there that she had coronary artery 21 And so what I'm trying to understand, Doctor, is 22 22 that reference in that particular paragraph to 23 A Well, the EKG showed -- a lot of people have 23 coronary artery ischemia. What are you 24 cardiac arrest but they don't show focal ischemia 2.4 postulating occurred in her coronary arteries 25 on a 12-lead. She had ischemia on the EKG. She 25 that -- that contributed to her death? Page 63 Page 65 1 had a ventricular tachycardia arrest. She had 1 A I'm sorry. It's probably just the use of coronary 2 chest pain, shortness of breath, and high blood 2 artery ischemia. It's just the term we use for 3 3 ischemia. Ischemia is any time the demand for 4 4 fuel in the heart is greater than the blood supply So all together, that would be my 5 most likely formulation of what occurred. Oddly 5 delivered. 6 enough, that has nothing to do with my causation 6 Now, traditionally when we think of 7 opinion, in that no matter what she had, she would 7 coronary ischemia, we think of an obstructed 8 8 coronary artery with atherosclerosis plus or minus have survived if she were in the emergency room 9 9 before it happened. a clot that could be dynamic. 10 10 But my best formulation, the one But the other ways you could have 11 that makes the most sense, so my opinion is with a 11 coronary ischemia is an increase in demand due to 12 reasonable degree of medical certainty, not 12 a profound stress on the heart. And high blood 13 13 absolute certainty, reasonable degree of medical pressure cannot only increase demand, it can also 14 certainty something happened where her blood 14 reduce supply by making the muscle tighten up, so 15 15 it would be at a microvascular bed level. So you pressure was going up. We don't have any data as 16 to how high it went after the last check. And, 16 can have ischemia without having obstructive 17 that led -- and more likely than not, her blood 17 coronary disease. So that's all I'm saying. 18 18 Q Just want to make sure that I understand, Doctor. pressure going up would make chest pain and 19 19 She first reported symptoms at shortness of breath happen in her case. 20 20 So I think the best formulation of 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 22. That's 21 21 what happened is, since she had heart disease, was referenced in your report? 22 that she had hypertension which led to congestion, 22 A She was first reported that she had been having 23 23 and in her case, because of the underlying symptoms that day. That's not when she first had 24 24 symptoms. She reported that she was having structural heart disease, transient ischemia that 25 led to V-tach and her arrest. I think it's the 25 episodic symptoms all day. Right? I just want to

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Page 66 Page 68 1 be clear about that. 1 vitals that are shown on Page 3 are inconsistent 2 2 with a sustained ventricular arrhythmia? O Well, that's a fact question that will have to be 3 3 MS. MAKAR: Objection. resolved. But let's assume -- let's just pinpoint 4 3:00 p.m. when she first reported symptoms. 4 A There's no chance -- she could not have had a 5 5 You do not have a basis to say that sustained arrhythmia. She would have coded. 6 6 she was experiencing ventricular tachycardia at So -- she could have AFib or other arrhythmias, 7 7 that time, correct? but in terms of ventricular arrhythmias, she could 8 A Correct. Of course. 8 not have had a sustained ventricular arrhythmia at 9 O Of course not? 9 that point. 10 A Of course I never said she had ventricular 10 BY MR. KNOTT: 11 tachycardia at that time. There's no basis to 11 Q You quote in your report Gundersen records that 12 12 know if she did or didn't. had -- that identify the contribution of 13 13 You agree that she more likely than not did not electrolyte imbalance as a source of the arrest. 14 have an arrhythmia at that time? 14 Her providers were identifying that as a likely 15 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 15 cause of her arrest, correct? 16 A I don't know whether -- you can't determine 16 17 17 whether she was having non-sustained bursts of Q Are you aware of any report from Gundersen that 18 V-tach. There's no way to know. 18 identifies episodic hypertension as a contributor 19 BY MR. KNOTT: 19 to her arrest? 20 Q You state in your report that her hypokalemia was 20 A I didn't see anything. But on the other hand, I 21 a substantial contributing factor, correct? 21 don't know whether they were aware of what was 22 A Towards her having V-tach, yes. 22 going on in the present -- in the jail. I don't 23 Q You're, of course, not able to state the relative 23 know if they were aware she had episodic chest 24 contribution of her hypokalemia versus her 2.4 pain on again/off again that day. Because she 25 congestive heart failure? 25 came in with cardiac arrest, she couldn't give a Page 67 Page 69 1 1 A There's no way to know the role of either one. I history. So I don't know whether they were aware 2 2 think her low potassium was a significant she had the need for p.r.n. clonidine, so I don't 3 3 contributing factor. know what they knew. But nor is it that 4 4 Q Is a potassium level of 2.3 sufficiently depressed important. It has nothing to do with my opinion, 5 5 to have triggered a ventricular arrhythmia and but I don't know if they knew. 6 6 arrest on its own? Q Doctor, how is malignant hypertension defined? 7 7 A In theory, yes. But I figure it's very unlikely A It's defined by a person having end-organ damage 8 8 because her arrest just didn't happen out of the as a result of hypertension, usually with 9 9 blue. It happened in the setting of her needing diastolics that go over 100 or 110. But again, it 10 10 urgent drugs for blood pressure control and her depends on the context of the person. But it 11 11 having chest pain that day. I don't think you usually means high blood pressure that is 12 could exclude those. 12 clinically believed to be causing heart failure or 13 So I can't give you that with 13 chest pain. Symptomatic hypertension on a 14 14 absolute certainty, but I think with reasonable cardiovascular system. Did I use the word 15 15 "malignant hypertension" in my report? Because I certainty the low potassium lowered the trigger of 16 16 firing, but something else pulled the trigger. It don't recall that. I don't think I used the word 17 was just a hairpin trigger. 17 malignant hypertension, because she didn't have 18 18 Q If I ask you to define major hypertension as you malignant hypertension. I never raised that as an 19 19 use it on Page 5, I assume you'd tell me that it's 20 20 relative to the patient? Q Okay. What I was getting at is, do you have any 21 2.1 MS. MAKAR: Objection. understanding of what the source was of her 22 A Yes, relative to the patient. 22 potassium wasting disorder? 23 23 BY MR. KNOTT: A No. She was identified to have it as an 24 24 Q We looked previously at the particular cut and outpatient, and I don't know what caused her 25 25 paste on Page 3. Do you agree with me that the disorder. She was not really on a diuretic to

Page 72 1 explain it, but I don't know what was causing it. 1 failure or malignant cancer, and they're not going 2 Q You agree that it's most likely some sort of 2 to make it five years. And then you have the 3 3 kidney disorder resulting from her childhood average 41-year-old who have medical problems. 4 cancer treatment? 4 That's baked into the average. It's not --5 5 A Maybe. I'm not too sure that would cause -- I there's no such thing as a normal life expectancy. 6 6 don't know how long she had her potassium problem. There is an average life expectancy. Reduced her 7 7 Q Is it potentially related to her -- her chronic from the average. But the average includes people 8 8 hypertension? who have different problems. 9 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 9 And her heart failure, by the way, 10 10 Foundation. was not much of an issue as a outpatient. She had 11 A I'm not sure I understand what you're saying. You 11 a cardiomyopathy, but she was reported on her last 12 12 don't get potassium wasting from being visit prior to this admission of having no 13 13 hypertensive, but you do get it from medications. shortness of breath. So she had Class I heart But she's been on the drug Vasotec for a long 14 failure, which means she had no known limit. So 14 15 15 time, and that raises potassium. But despite she had disease but no major -- she wasn't in 16 16 sustained or chronic heart failure as a symptom. that, she still had low potassium. And I don't 17 17 recall her being on a potassium-wasting drug, so I BY MR. KNOTT: 18 18 don't know what the basis is. I'm not sure. O So even just -- Doctor, do you consult the CDC 19 19 BY MR. KNOTT: tables in your day-to-day practice? 20 Q What was the drug you said, Vasotec? 20 A On rare occasions I do, but usually not. I think 21 A Sorry. Lisinopril. Lisinopril. It's a cousin. 21 through my practice of being in medicine for over 22 She was on lisinopril 40 milligrams forever. 22 40 years, 45 years, actually, now, I think I begin 23 Since at least 2011 I saw her on it, the same 23 to, you know, understand the impact of disease 2.4 2.4 dose, all those years. states on life expectancy. The tables just give a 25 And with respect to your opinion on life 25 more formal understanding of that, a quantitative Page 71 Page 73 1 1 expectancy, you referenced the CDC tables, understanding. 2 2 correct? Q In this case, though, you started with the CDC 3 3 Yes. tables, right? A 4 4 And where did you locate those, Doctor? A Right. 5 5 Online. You can look up CDC life tables for the And in your daily practice, if someone wanted to 6 6 know their prognosis and their outlook going year 2019, whatever the year. 7 Q Did you do that in this case? 7 forward, you would use your knowledge of that 8 8 Yes. particular patient and you would not consult the Α 9 And obviously, they don't have a cohort for 9 CDC table. Fair? 10 1.0 individuals with congestive heart failure, right? A Yes and no, 'cause the table corresponds to what I 11 11 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. already know in medicine. And I usually don't 12 A They do in that what you get is the average life 12 give people a life expectancy. I would just tell 13 13 expectancy for a population. For any given them that they have a disease which has risk, and 14 14 population of people, let's take all 41-year-olds, I deal it from a prospective viewpoint with 15 15 if they get 40 more years, that's 81. You could telling them the steps they could do to optimize 16 16 break all 40-year-olds into three theoretic it. But I usually don't say to a patient, you 17 groups. One group are the healthiest 41-year-olds 17 have a 31.3 -- 31.3 year life expectancy. The 18 18 with zero medical problems in good shop. You know population --19 19 they're going to live longer than the average of Q Can you answer my question? In speaking to your 20 20 81; these are the people that make it into their patients, you're not likely to consult the CDC 21 late 80s or 90s or older. 21 table to talk about their prognosis? 22 Then you have a population of 22 A Well, it's not a table for prognosis. It's an 23 23 people who are 41 who have horrible short-term average life expectancy for population, so it 24 24 wouldn't be part of day-to-day practice. prognoses; they're on dialysis with no hope of 25 25 getting a transplant, or they have major organ Q I didn't hear the end of that, Doctor.

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Page 76 1 A It would not be part of day-to-day practice to 1 your assessment of her life expectancy. Fair? 2 2 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. quote a population survival curve. 3 3 Q And in this case, even though you described how Foundation. 4 the medical conditions are baked into the CDC 4 A It's baked in there a little bit, yes, but it's 5 5 curve, you did factor in your assessment not a major factor in her life expectancy. If she 6 6 congestive heart failure? had coronary disease or cancer it would be, but 7 7 A Yeah, but her heart failure was not a major factor she didn't have cancer on her autopsy, and she 8 8 in her survival, in part, because she didn't have didn't have coronary disease. But of course, you 9 clinical heart failure. She had damage to the 9 would have to weigh it. And remember, cigarette 10 10 left ventricle, which is different. But she was smokers 22 percent -- probably 20 percent of all 11 not being treated with diuretics. She wasn't 11 40-year-olds are smokers, so that's somewhat baked 12 12 admitted to the hospital with recurrent shortness into the average. That's already part of the 13 13 of breath. So she didn't really have congestive average. heart failure. She was found to have a 14 BY MR. KNOTT: 14 15 15 cardiomyopathy at a very low burning level that Q So I want you to -- I want to tick through her 16 was not interfering with her day-to-day function. 16 medical conditions and tell me whether you 17 17 She never had -considered them as a serious long-term medical 18 18 O Page 8 of your report, Doctor. I don't -- I don't problem that impacted her life expectancy versus 19 19 want to argue about this. I'm trying to get at something that was baked into the tables. 20 your methodology. Her only serious long-term 20 Hypertension; was that individually 21 21 medical problem was her underlying cardiomyopathy? considered for Ms. Boyer? 22 22 A But that's not heart failure. That's A That's baked into the table. 23 cardiomyopathy. 23 So you did not consider it independently? 2.4 2.4 Q Okay. MS. MAKAR: Objection. 25 A There's a difference between cardiomyopathy and --25 A It's part of weighing everything all together. Page 75 Page 77 BY MR. KNOTT: 1 you can have a cardiomyopathy and be totally 1 2 asymptomatic. 2 Q Yeah, I understand that. 3 3 Q Okay. All right. So your methodology, sir, was She was narcotic dependent. Is 4 to start with the CDC life table. And the single 4 that a factor that you considered as impacting her 5 5 medical condition that you considered was her life expectancy? 6 underlying cardiomyopathy. Fair? 6 A No. She --7 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 7 MS. MAKAR: Objection. 8 8 A Those are things that potentially can jeopardize A She wasn't taking an illegal drug or street drugs. 9 9 life expectancy, yes. Her other problems were She was getting it prescribed. They were trying 10 10 meaningful but they weren't threatening her -to deal with her chronic pain syndrome, so that 11 (unintelligible) --11 should not impact her life expectancy. It's just 12 THE STENOGRAPHER: I'm sorry, Doctor. I 12 terrible that she had so much pain, but it's not a 13 didn't hear you. "Her other problems were 13 life expectancy issue. 14 meaningful but they" --14 BY MR. KNOTT: 15 15 A Her other problems were meaningful to her, but Q Did you consider or dig into the source of her 16 they were not jeopardizing her life expectancy. 16 abdominal pain when you're considering her life 17 BY MR. KNOTT: 17 expectancy? 18 18 A It was obviously pain that was residual from the Q Mrs. Boyer was -- or Ms. Boyer was a smoker. 19 19 Does that have an impact on life cancer she had and the multiple complications of 20 20 expectancy? bowel obstructions and issues she had in her 21 2.1 A It certainly can. Certainly would potentially add pelvis and abdomen. But there's no delving into 22 to weighing down. But of note, despite her 22 it. I mean I wasn't able to examine her. But to 23 23 coronary risk factors, she had clean coronary that degree she had -- it was a quality of life 24 arteries at 41, which is good news. 24 issue. 25 Q Her smoking is not a factor that you considered in 25 She had asthma. That's not a factor that you

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Page 78 Page 80 1 considered independently? 1 which you did not consider individually in 2 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 2 assessing her life expectancy? 3 3 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. Foundation. 4 A It's one of those things that's baked into the 4 Foundation. Misstates the record. 5 5 average of the life expectancy curve. A I'm sorry. I missed something you said. What did 6 6 BY MR. KNOTT: you say? 7 7 Q Doctor, there's -- there's --BY MR. KNOTT: 8 8 A Her asthma was not horrible. It wasn't as if she Q She had a potassium-wasting condition which you 9 9 went to ERs and was getting intubated or being in did not consider individually? 10 10 ICUs or even having recurrent ER visits. She had A It would have been manageable. I don't know what 11 mild asthma. That's not going to affect -- that's 11 caused it, but they -- an endocrine workup would 12 12 baked into the average life expectancy curve. be necessary, and whatever cause, it would be 13 13 There's a magnitude to these things. And I think treatable. she's only been a smoker --14 There was no cancer found on 14 15 Q Doctor, there's -- there's data available on the 15 autopsy, so she wasn't dealing with a tumor. 16 impact of smoking on life expectancy, isn't there? 16 Q And Ms. Boyer had a history of noncompliance with 17 17 A I think it depends on how much you smoke, because her potassium supplement. You're aware of that? 18 18 I think she was a half a pack a day. MS. MAKAR: Same objection. 19 19 Q And there's data available. You didn't consult A A lot of people don't like taking potassium 20 it. Fair? 20 supplements. But her problem is way beyond 21 21 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. potassium supplements. It's a different issue. 22 22 Foundation. It's physiologic. 23 23 A It's baked into her life expectancy. BY MR. KNOTT: 2.4 Q Do you think that walking around on the streets 2.4 BY MR. KNOTT: 25 Q So you didn't consult any other -- any independent 25 with a potassium level below 3 creates a Page 79 Page 81 1 1 data on her -- the impact of tobacco abuse on life substantial risk of sudden death? 2 2 expectancy? MS. MAKAR: Same objections. 3 3 I didn't --A I think it was an easily manageable problem, and I 4 MS. MAKAR: Form. 4 think that this certainly -- had she had the 5 5 A -- do research, because I know clinically the torsades and survived it in the ER, it would have 6 6 impact of different abnormalities, including become the focus of a workup to find out what's 7 cigarette smoking and how it has its impact on 7 going on, as well as within reasonable certainty 8 8 implanting a defibrillator, because that is a risk both quality of life and survival. So I'm aware 9 9 of these things. I didn't have to do research. to her. And this arrest, if it occurred, would 10 10 BY MR. KNOTT: have required her to get a defibrillator. That or 11 11 Q She had refractory, urinary and fecal absolutely diagnose what's going on and then find 12 incontinence. Is that a factor that you 12 out how to treat it. 13 considered independently in her life expectancy? 13 BY MR. KNOTT: 14 14 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. Q She had three bowel obstruction surgeries 15 15 Foundation. Misstates the record. resulting in colostomies. You're aware of that? 16 16 A It was considered as a quality of life issue, but MS. MAKAR: Same objections. 17 not one that impacted her life expectancy. 17 A Yes. 18 BY MR. KNOTT: 18 BY MR. KNOTT: 19 19 Q So the answer is no? Q And that's -- the fact that she had three 20 20 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. colostomies is not a factor you considered in 21 21 A I did -- there's no impact it would have that assessing her life expectancy? 22 would significantly impact life expectancy. It's 22 MS. MAKAR: Same objection. 23 23 a chronic manageable problem. A Not a major one, no. It's baked in. 24 24 BY MR. KNOTT: BY MR. KNOTT: 25 25 Q She had some sort of potassium-wasting condition Q Do you agree, Doctor, that if you went to other

Page 84 1 cardiologists to speak to them about their opinion 1 MR. KNOTT: Thank you. 2 2 on her life expectancy that the approach to MR. JONES: I suggest we take a five- or 3 3 assessing that would likely vary? 10-minute break. 4 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 4 MR. KNOTT: Sure. Okay by me. 5 5 Foundation. MS. MAKAR: Five or ten, Andrew? 6 6 A That's a very vague question, so I don't know what MR. JONES: Why don't we go for it. 7 7 you're asking. We'll take a 10-minute break. 12:25. 8 8 MS. MAKAR: Okay. BY MR. KNOTT: 9 9 Q If you went to talk to five cardiologists about THE WITNESS: It's now 1:15. 10 10 MR. JONES: 1:25, Doctor. this issue of her life expectancy, do you agree 11 that there is likely to be multiple approaches to 11 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you. 12 12 how to estimate that? MR. JONES: Sure. 13 13 MS. MAKAR: Same objection. (Brief recess taken from 12:15 p.m. to 14 12:25 p.m.) 14 A If I were to approach other cardiologists, I would 15 15 EXAMINATION ask them what of her chronic medical conditions or 16 16 problems are an acute threat to her life and how BY MR. JONES: 17 Q Doctor, I'm Andrew Jones. I don't have all that 17 does that factor in, and I'd have a conversation. 18 18 many questions for you, but I do want to follow up I don't think we would have a vast difference, but 19 19 on some things that you talked about with Mr. there may be some difference. 20 20 BY MR. KNOTT: Knott. 21 I am counsel for Monroe County and 21 Q Your report makes no reference to withdrawal from 22 several of its correctional staff. Can you hear 22 drugs or alcohol as contributing to the sequence 23 me okay? 23 of events. You don't hold an opinion that 24 A Yes, I can. Thank you. 2.4 Ms. Boyer was experiencing withdrawal from drugs 25 25 or alcohol, do you? I thought I understood you to say during your Page 83 Page 85 1 1 A She might have been withdrawing from drugs or testimony that you don't know what caused 2 2 alcohol. I don't know. But it doesn't change my Mrs. Boyer to code in the early morning hours of 3 3 causation opinion that had she been sent to a December 23rd; is that correct? 4 4 hospital in a timely manner she would have A Well, I don't know with enough -- I can say with 5 5 reasonable medical certainty that she developed a 6 6 Q Then just let me wrap up that point. spiral of high blood pressure, shortness of 7 A I thought I mentioned her narcotics, but maybe I 7 breath, resulting in, and with her low potassium, 8 8 didn't. I thought I did. all conspiring to cause a cardiac arrest. I think 9 9 Q Doctor, can you state to a reasonable degree of that's the most reasonable explanation with all 10 10 medical probability that Ms. Boyer was the medical facts. 11 11 experiencing withdrawal from drugs or alcohol on So I can say with a reasonable 12 December 21st, 22nd or 23rd? 12 medical certainty, not absolute certainty, but 13 A I don't know. 13 reasonable certainty that somewhere she developed 14 14 Q And so you cannot state to a reasonable degree of a spiral of chest pain -- I mean of high blood 15 medical probability that she was experiencing 15 pressure, which resulted in chest pain, shortness 16 16 withdrawal from alcohol? of breath, and then because she had low potassium, 17 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 17 throwing her into an arrest. That's the most 18 18 likely explanation with all the facts we know. A I don't know, and again, it doesn't affect my 19 19 causation opinion at all. That's a standard of Q And are you offering that opinion in this case? 20 20 care issue, not a causation issue. A Yes, but it's totally irrelevant to my main 21 2.1 MR. KNOTT: Doctor, I'm going to allow opinion, which doesn't matter what she had. She 22 some of these other attorneys to ask questions and 22 didn't die of it. She coded. So my main opinion 23 23 they'll introduce themselves. I'm going to look is if she were in a hospital, she would not be 24 24 through my notes while they do that. dead. 25 25 THE WITNESS: Okay. Q Okay. And I understand that you also are offering

January 28, 2025 Page 86 Page 88 1 that opinion. I just want to be clear on whether 1 A With reasonable certainty, it caused local 2 2 you're offering the opinion you just gave now in ischemia in her inferior wall, because those are 3 3 your last answer as to what caused her to code? the leads that were affected. And I think that 4 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 4 somehow the combination of all of that with the 5 5 A I'm saying that I think it's with reasonable low potassium triggered the cardiac arrest. 6 certainty the most likely explanation of what 6 BY MR. JONES: 7 occurred. But it doesn't matter to my main 7 Q As a layperson, I understand ischemia to mean 8 8 causation opinion. It has nothing really to do reduced blood flow to some portion of the heart; 9 with causation, only to the degree that she didn't 9 is that correct? 10 10 die of something that was meant to kill her. A No. Ischemia means insufficient oxygen delivery 11 Because you can -- for example, if 11 for the work being demanded. 12 12 someone said she had pneumonia, I think it's The most common cause of ischemia 13 13 is a blocked coronary artery with atherosclerosis highly unlikely, but pneumonia kills you two ways; 14 either major oxygen saturation drops, which never 14 with or without an acute blood clot, which can be 15 occurred here, someone's on 100 percent oxygen, 15 an acute issue. But ischemia is any time there's 16 16 you can't get any more in, they die, or they die a mismatch of supply and demand. 17 17 of sepsis with low blood pressure. She didn't die In this case, the demand for fuel 18 of that. She didn't die of anything because her 18 goes up under stressed states, which would be 19 body recovered. It's her brain that was 19 included in a hypertensive episode as well as 20 permanently damaged. 20 hypertension, and a low EF can lead to difficulty 21 So no matter what triggered her 21 of blood getting through the muscle because the 22 22 arrest, ultimately that got better. The only muscle is being stressed. So it's not the 23 23 thing we were left with was the brain damage, arteries themselves. So you can have both a 2.4 which was only a consequence of having such an 24 reduction of supply and an increase in demand 25 event occur outside of a hospital. So that's my 25 during such episodes, which can lead to chest pain Page 87 Page 89 1 point. 1 and EKG changes. 2 So it really is not that important 2 Q So am I correct in understanding that the 3 as to what I believe was the sequence of events 3 increased demand, that would be a function of the 4 that led to her arrest, but I think that is what 4 elevated blood pressure? 5 most likely, in terms of causation, to have led to 5 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 6 her arrest. I think it was related to her 6 A Not that alone. The elevated blood pressure in 7 cardiomyopathy. 7 conjunction with the cardiomyopathy. Either. 8 BY MR. JONES: 8 BY MR. JONES: 9 And if I understood the explanation you gave and 9 Q And the cardiomyopathy, am I correct in 10 10 offered in your report, it's her elevated blood understanding that that affects the ability of the 11 pressure in combination with the underlying 11 heart to supply? I'm trying to understand what 12 cardiomyopathy, that is, the reduced function of 12 you say the mismatch between the supply and 13 her left ventricle, and then with the low 13 demand --14 potassium level that caused her to have ischemia? 14 A No. It's -- somehow I'm not obviously being very 15 15 A The low potassium had nothing to do with anything understandable, and I apologize for that. I don't 16 more than causing a torsades cardiac arrest. 16 know what I'm saying wrong. 17 That's the electrical event caused by clinical 17 Q Well, it may be the listener, too. So... 18 18 events that triggered an electrical event. A It has to be me, because I usually can make things 19 19 Q All right. Am I correct in understanding that clear. Let me try one more time, and I apologize. 20 20 you're saying, though, that the elevated blood If you have a combination of 21 pressure over the course of the afternoon in 21 cardiomyopathy, some damage to someone's heart, 22 combination with the condition of her left 22 left ventricle, and high blood pressure, makes 23 ventricle caused her to have ischemia to some or 23 them feel short of breath, they go into heart 24 all of the heart? 24 failure, that can lead to ischemia in the heart

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Page 90 Page 92 1 which is the ventricle can stiffen under the 1 so that's another favorable. 2 2 setting of some high blood pressure, shortness of O Well, that was my next question. Am I correct in 3 3 understanding you to say that she did not have breath, which can in the muscle layer reduce blood 4 flow through the muscle, because these arteries 4 congestive heart failure? 5 5 have to penetrate the muscle. So even though the A She did not have symptoms of congestive heart 6 6 big arteries are open, going through the muscle, failure as a chronic issue. Her records show that 7 it can tighten down on the small blood vessels 7 she had no other symptoms. In November of 2019 8 8 leading to small vessel ischemia. she was seen at her outpatient cardiology and they 9 Also, the work demand of the 9 said no chest pain, no shortness of breath. And 10 10 ventricle goes up when you have high blood that's consistent with other visits. 11 pressure on top of a cardiomyopathy. So she had 11 Q Well, do you understand her to have been diagnosed 12 12 both reasons for -- and if she was withdrawing with congestive heart failure? 13 13 A Well, again, congestive heart failure, some people from drugs, it would certainly contribute to a 14 spiral, but I don't know how much that was a role 14 just relate saying a low ejection fraction is 15 15 for her. All I can tell you is there was a congestive heart failure. But you really have to 16 16 spiral. Here's a lady who comes in with known have congestive heart failure. She wasn't on a 17 17 heart disease. That's her only major systemic diuretic. She was on spirolactone, which is a 18 18 organ disease, who in the hospital has high blood potassium sparing diuretic, but it wasn't like she 19 19 pressure, which is cardiovascular, has chest pain was on Lasix. I didn't see evidence of that. I 20 which sounds cardiovascular, and she has an 20 didn't see her needing to have fluid taken off, 21 arrhythmia, which is cardiovascular. It's 21 having leg edema, I don't see any volume overload. 22 22 difficult to believe those are not all unified by So I don't see any evidence of congestive heart 23 23 the same cardiovascular process. failure, just she had a damaged ventricle. 2.4 2.4 Q Am I correct -- well, do you know the underlying Q On your review of her medical history, she did not 25 cause of the cardiomyopathy? 25 have any evidence of congestive heart failure; is Page 91 Page 93 1 1 that a correct statement? It is unknown in her. 2 2 I'm sorry? A I couldn't find any. Certainly not as a chronic 3 3 It is unknown in her. issue, congestive heart failure. A 4 4 Q When -- what is the definition of coronary artery 0 Thank you. 5 5 It's called idiopathic, meaning they didn't know ischemia? Α 6 6 A Well, it was a poor use of terms when I said it. the reason. 7 Q And the cardiomyopathy that she had, is that -- is 7 Ischemia is ischemia, meaning not enough blood 8 there a way to characterize that in terms of being 8 supplied for the demand for fuel. Usually when 9 9 mild, moderate or severe? you say coronary ischemia, you're talking about a 10 1.0 blocked coronary artery. But it was just poor --A Well, you can use kind of blunt terms with three 11 11 categories, or you could just say she had an it was just sloppy language there. I was just 12 ejection fraction of, what was it, 40 to 12 using that as opposed to saying ischemia. But 13 13 45 percent? I'm sorry. I forgot what her it's a poor term. She didn't have technically 14 14 ejection fraction was. It was 35 to 40 percent. coronary artery ischemia. She had ischemia. 15 15 Q So normally coronary artery ischemia would refer So she had an ejection fraction --16 16 normal ejection fractions range between 50 and 70. to a blockage, a reduced blood flow through the 17 Most people are 60 percent, which means 60 percent 17 coronary artery? 18 18 A Yes, usually that's what it means. of the blood gets squeezed out by the muscle when 19 19 Q I understood you to say that in between Friday and the heart beats. In her case only 35 to 40. So 20 20 today you've reviewed the report of Dr. Wolff, quantifying it is better than coming up with a 21 21 Matthew Wolff? general descriptor. 22 O If you had to put a general descriptor on it, what 22 A Between Friday and today? I don't remember when I 23 23 would it be? got it. It was recent, but I don't know if I got

Q Fair enough. That's my edition. I'll rephrase

A Mild to moderate LV reduction. On the other hand,

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Page 94 Page 96 1 it. 1 with everything I said, or we're not in variance. 2 Am I correct in understanding that 2 His main opinions that I think I can agree with is 3 3 you have reviewed the written report by Dr. Wolff? that she had a primary ventricular arrhythmia. 4 Yes, I have. 4 Yes, I agree, although something may have 5 5 And I understand you have it with you right there? triggered it. 6 A I do. 6 Two, it was precipitated by severe 7 And just broadly speaking, are there any opinions low potassium. I agree, a significant 8 offered by Dr. Wolff that you take issue with or 8 contributing factor. Three --9 disagreed with? 9 Q Doctor, Doctor, if I may save you some time --10 10 A There's only one thing he said in his report that A Go ahead. 11 I take some issue with, but I think if we go 11 Q -- other than his reference to her medical history 12 12 through his opinions, they all agree with me. having been notable for what he phrased as a 13 13 There's nothing in his report that varies from severe multidrug resistant hypertension, is there 14 any other portion of Dr. Wolff's written report 14 what I said. 15 15 But he described her blood pressure that you disagree with? 16 16 MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. in what I think is a strange term. You can have 17 17 resistant hypertension, but he called her severe A It's a little broad, because I haven't memorized 18 18 multidrug resistant hypertension to make it sound his report. I did review it. I don't remember 19 very severe. 19 any major area of disagreement. But that doesn't 20 Q Can you -- I'm sorry. Can I just stop you briefly 20 mean I'm blanketly saying I agree with every 21 and have you point me to what -- what specifically 21 sentence. I don't remember. There's no major 22 22 you're referring to or just give me a page and point that he brought up that I think requires me 23 line. 23 to rebut. But somehow --24 A Page 3 on the second half of the page, the second 24 BY MR. JONES: 25 paragraph under Brief Medical Summary, and he said 25 Q Well, he offered -- hang on. Bear with me. He Page 95 Page 97 1 offered seven numbered opinions in his report. 1 here, "Her medical history was also notable for 2 2 severe multidrug resistant hypertension." Do you disagree with any of the 3 3 Now, we use kind of multidrug seven numbered opinions that Dr. Wolff sets out in resistant for antibiotics resistance. And there's 4 4 his report? 5 5 no evidence she had severe multidrug resistant MS. MAKAR: Objection. Form. 6 6 hypertension, because looking at her chart, she A Well, to begin with, he gave eight opinions 7 7 was on the same drugs for hypertension for the because he listed two different sixes. On Page 7, 8 8 last eight years without even changing the doses. he has two different opinion sixes, so I think he 9 9 And there were periods in 2017 where she had worse has eight opinions, because Opinion 7 is actually 10 10 Opinion 8. Just -high blood pressure, and it wasn't well 11 BY MR. JONES: 11 controlled, at least not perfectly controlled, but 12 there's no evidence of any drug resistance. It 12 O With that clarification --13 13 With that clarification -wasn't like they were putting her on a new drug 14 14 every month and it kept failing. They never -- let me --15 15 changed her drugs. A I want to go through and make sure -- I want to go 16 16 So how do you say she is severe through and make sure I have them. 17 multidrug resistant? All we see is she continued 17 Q Let me make sure that the question is on the 18 18 record, though, Doctor, since we spoke over each to have hypertension despite her current medical 19 19 regimen. Doesn't mean she had any resistance. So other, and I will try not to do that. 20 20 there was no increase in her drugs. There was no A Sure. 21 2.1 addition. So it's just a bizarre thing to throw Q Of Dr. Wolff's eight numbered opinions, are there 22 into a report saying she had severe 22 any that you disagree with? 23 23 multi-resistant hypertension. That's the only A Well, I have to go through them to make sure. One small comment. 24 24 of them I don't have a comment on. 25 25 But otherwise, I think he agrees So one, he gives the opinion that

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        predated her coming into the jail. I agree.
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        increased her vulnerability to a malignant
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        ventricular arrhythmias.
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        coronary disease. I think that's the most likely
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        answer. And her chest pain was because of the
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        hypertension and underlying heart disease. And I
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        agree she didn't have an acute MI either, so in
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        not due to malignant hypertension. I agree with
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        that. No one ever said she had malignant
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        said she had malignant hypertension.
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        Opinion 7, the medical care provided to Ms. Boyer
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        initial care she received from jail personnel
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        following her cardiac arrest was timely -- yeah.
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        not -- and I'm not giving standard of care, but I
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        agree that at least the code -- I have -- it's a
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        standard of care opinion. I haven't seen
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Q Understood. And were there any records that you

You've provided us with the invoices that you gave

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opinion about that. So I have no opinion on

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Page 104 Page 102 1 to the Loevy firm for your work in this case, 1 Q So in truth, these invoices account for all of the 2 2 correct? time you spent on this file up until the moment we 3 3 began this deposition this morning; is that A Yes. 4 And were there any other written communications correct? 5 5 between you and Ms. Makar or anybody else at the Yes, that is correct. 6 Loevy firm relating to your compensation for your 6 And is \$550 an hour -- well, scratch that. 7 work in this matter? It went up to 600 an hour last year. 8 8 Yeah, I just noticed that. A No. 9 Q And were there any --9 2023 it went up to 600 an hour. 10 10 Okay. So 600 an hour, is that your standard rate A No. 11 Were there any written communications coming from 11 for your work as an expert witness? 12 12 Ms. Makar or anyone else at the Loevy firm to you A For review. For deposition it's \$700 an hour 13 13 that identified specific facts or data that you've because that cuts into my daytime, which I can 14 review at night. And then for trial, if it's out 14 relied on in forming your opinions? 15 15 of town, I charge \$6,000 for the day plus A No. No. Nothing. 16 16 Q And were there any written communications from reasonable expenses. I don't charge for travel 17 time. Just the day of being gone. 17 Ms. Makar or anyone else at her firm to you 18 18 Q And previously was the standard rate for review identifying assumptions that you relied on in 19 19 and report writing 550, was that your standard forming your opinions? 20 20 A No. No. Absolutely not. 21 A No. Then it was 550 for review, 600 for 21 And the invoices that you've provided Mr. Knott, 22 testimony, and 5,000 for day at trial. 22 marked them as Exhibit 118, the last invoice is 23 Q I'm not asking you very good questions. Let me 23 dated January 22nd, 2025. Do you recall that? 24 try with a different question. 2.4 A That's the final invoice. 25 The rates that you've charged the 25 So as of last Wednesday, I believe that is, do Page 105 Page 103 1 those invoices account for all of the hours you've 1 Loevy firm for your work in this matter, have 2 spent in connection with your work on this matter 2 those been your standard billing rates? 3 3 up through January 22nd of 2025? A Well, since I've made the change, yes. It's not 4 THE STENOGRAPHER: Yes? 4 special for them. Those are my rates. 5 5 A I said "yes." Q Were there any materials you reviewed to prepare 6 BY MR. JONES: 6 for the deposition, other than your report, the 7 Q I didn't -- thank you. 7 reports by the other experts that you've been 8 8 And if I can just ask you about the provided or records that are identified on pages 1 9 9 last one from last Wednesday, January 22nd, the and 2 of your report? 10 10 narrative on the invoice reads that you were A I'm sorry. When did you ask? I missed that, the 11 billing for upcoming review of defense reports, 11 first part. I couldn't hear it. 12 preparation for your deposition, and the 12 Q Were there any records you reviewed to prepare for 13 anticipated pre-deposition discussion with 13 your deposition, other than your own report, the 14 counsel. 14 reports of the other experts that Ms. Makar 15 15 A Yes. provided you? 16 So am I correct in understanding this invoice was 16 A No. I relooked at the Gundersen records. 17 sort of anticipatory of that work? 17 So anything other than your report, the Gundersen 18 A Yes. I knew there'd be an hour discussion, that's 18 records and the other expert reports that you were 19 19 typical. We were about an hour. I was given the provided? 20 20 understanding there'd be a handful of reports. So A Well, the defense reports, of course, I spent a 21 2.1 that's factored in, and my final prep, so yes. fair amount of time with those, going over their 22 Q Okay. And so does that invoice essentially 22 dissertations. So those were the major things was 23 23 account for the time you spent in preparing for my report, defense reports, and the Gundersen 24 24 the deposition? 25 A Correct. 25 Was there anything else you reviewed to prepare

Page 108 Page 106 1 for your deposition? 1 Dr. Johnson, and CEO Jessica Young, and CFO Jaime 2 A I looked at some of the jail records again, 2 Lynch, right? 3 3 although I mean, not extensively, but I did spend A Correct. 4 time looking at the narrative reports of the jail. 4 O And is it fair to say that you don't have an 5 5 Anything else? opinion about the corporate structure or the 6 6 No, not that I can think of. corporate financial status of USA Medical or 7 Q You're licensed in New York, correct? 7 Advanced Correctional Healthcare; is that right? 8 8 A Yes. A That is correct. 9 Have you ever been licensed in a state other than 9 Q Okay. You don't have any criticisms that those 10 New York? 10 corporations are under -- underinsured or 11 A No. 11 undercapitalized; is that right? 12 12 Have you ever been subject to any sort of A No, I have no opinions about anything to do with 13 discipline under your New York license or your 13 the corporate structure or finance or anything 14 board certification? 14 like that. I will not talk about them for a 15 A I've had no discipline outside of marriage. A 15 millisecond. 16 little levity into today's proceedings. I'm 16 MR. CASSERLY: All right. You have --17 17 sorry. you have exhausted my questions. I have no 18 That's good. That's good. 18 19 And your CV, it includes all of 19 THE WITNESS: Okay. Mr. Knott, do you 20 your publications, correct? 20 have any further questions, or did you --21 Yes. 21 MR. KNOTT: Yeah, I just need to follow 22 I'm sorry. I didn't hear an answer. Q 22 up. Thank you, Doctor. 23 I said "yes." 23 EXAMINATION 24 MR. JONES: Okav. Thank you, Doctor. 2.4 BY MR. KNOTT: 25 THE WITNESS: Certainly, sir. 25 Q You said that you had reviewed the report of Page 107 Page 109 1 1 EXAMINATION Pearson. Ms. Pearson is a nurse. I assume you 2 2 BY MR. CASSERLY: have no commentary or debate with Ms. Pearson that 3 3 Q Hi, Doctor. I think I'm only going to be going 4 4 about five minutes, so if you need a break, we can A I have no opinion about her standard of care 5 5 take one, otherwise I can just charge ahead. opinions. 6 6 A I think we should just charge ahead. MS. MAKAR: I --7 Great. I hear no objection. So I'll introduce 7 BY MR. KNOTT: 8 8 Q Yeah. And the same with respect to Dr. Young, do myself. My name's John Casserly. I am an 9 9 you have any -- did that alter your opinions or do attorney for some defendants in this matter. They 10 10 you wish to add to your opinions in this case are USA Medical and Psychological Staffing, S.C., and four doctors, Drs. Harmston, Bresnahan, 11 11 because of your review of Dr. Young's report? 12 Johnson and Schamber. 12 MS. MAKAR: Sorry. Go ahead. Finish. 13 13 MR. KNOTT: I did. And I assure you, I was listening A I think --14 when you told Mr. Knott that your opinions are in 14 15 15 MS. MAKAR: Oh. I would just object to your report and you're not intending to give any 16 16 other opinions, and because of that, I will any questioning outside of the scope of John or 17 shorten these up. But I do need to confirm, 17 Andrew's questioning, as you've passed the 18 18 witness, and move to strike any question in because there are some allegations in this case 19 19 response, outside the scope of that questioning about my clients that are not explicitly medical, 20 20 under Rule 30. but I need to make sure you're not going to have 21 21 an opinion on them. A Anyway, I have no comment on their opinions. They 22 So my first question is, you have 22 did not in any way address my causation opinion, 23 23 not reviewed the deposition transcripts of any of so we have no overlap. I'm not agreeing or 24 24 the corporate officers or shareholders of the -disagreeing with anything they say. We just don't 25 25 of USA Medical and ACH. Those would be have any overlap.

Page 112 Page 110 1 BY MR. KNOTT: kind of thing? Do you do that when you have 1 2 O Okay. Doctor, is it your opinion that Ms. Boyer's 2 depositions in your state? Some states I have to 3 3 experience of chest pain was due to ischemia, or read or waive. 4 can you not know? 4 MS. MAKAR: Yes, I think you're about to 5 5 A I think with medical certainty she was be asked that. 6 experiencing some ischemia, because you have 6 THE WITNESS: Okay. Then I'll read. 7 7 underlying heart disease, you had her having chest Thank you. You all take care. 8 8 pain and shortness of breath going on to a cardiac (Deposition concluded at 1:05 p.m.) 9 arrest and having ischemic abnormalities on her 9 (Deposition Exhibit Nos. 117 through 122 10 10 electronically marked for identification.) first EKG after the arrest. So I would say with a 11 reasonable medical certainty she was experiencing 11 (Original exhibits attached to Original 12 12 transcript; copies of exhibits are attached.) some form of ischemia right before her arrest. 13 13 Q And are you -- the question is a little different. Are you testifying that her 14 14 15 15 experience of chest pain during the day or evening 16 was caused by heart ischemia? 16 17 17 A I said it would likely be ischemia. I've said 18 18 that. 19 19 Q Okay. I understand you to say there was likely 20 ischemia, but the question is whether at that 20 21 21 particular time you thought -- you think that the 22 22 pain she experienced was resulting from ischemia, 23 23 or can you not know with that specificity? 24 2.4 MS. MAKAR: Objection. 25 25 A I'm saying I think her chest pain was, within Page 111 Page 113 STATE OF WISCONSIN) 1 reasonable medical certainty, more likely than not 1 ) SS: 2 to be ischemic pain. Am I not understanding what 2 MILWAUKEE COUNTY ) 3 you're asking me? Am I answering you? I really 3 4 don't want to be rude. I thought that was my 4 I, Rosanne E. Pezze, RPR/CSR/CRR 5 answer. I think with reasonable certainty she was 5 and Notary Public in and for the State of 6 feeling chest pain from coronary -- from cardiac 6 Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the deposition 7 ischemia. 7 of BRUCE CHARASH, M.D. was recorded remotely by me 8 BY MR. KNOTT: 8 and reduced to writing under my personal 9 Q Your response ended with before her --9 direction. 10 I further certify that said 10 A Okay. Then take that back. That's fine. Her 11 deposition was taken remotely from New York City, 11 chest pain was ischemia pain with reasonable 12 New York, on the 28th day of January, 2025, 12 certainty. 13 commencing at 10:04 a.m. 13 MR. KNOTT: Okay. Okay. Those are the 14 I further certify that I am not a 14 questions I have. Thank you. 15 relative or employee or attorney or counsel of any THE WITNESS: Okay. 15 16 of the parties, or a relative or employee of such 16 MS. MAKAR: I don't have any questions. 17 attorney or counsel, or financially interested 17 Thank you, Doctor. 18 directly or indirectly in this action. 18 THE WITNESS: You're welcome. I will 19 In witness whereof, I have hereunto send you an invoice for the three hours of this 20 set my hand and affixed my seal of office on this 19 21 3rd day of February, 2025. deposition which you can forward to the defense, 2.0 22 2.1 Maria? 23 22 MS. MAKAR: Yes. ROSANNE E. PEZZE, RPR/CSR/CRR 23 THE WITNESS: And a W9 as well. Okay. 24 Notary Public 24 MS. MAKAR: Yes. My commission expires January 10, 2026 25 THE WITNESS: Are you in read or waive 2.5

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